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TITLE OF INVENTION

"AN OPTICAL MULTIPLEXER AND CROSS-SWITCH USING ETCHED LIQUID CRYSTAL FABRY-PEROT ETALONS"

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e), of provisional application no. 60/220,682, filed July 25, 2000.



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